

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method of marking a skin for a vehicle interior trim panel consisting of the steps of:

providing a deformable polymer skin layer formed by casting, spray coating, blow molding or thermoforming polymer materials wherein said skin layer consists of polyurethane, ~~polyethylene, polypropylene, thermoplastic polyolefin~~ polymers and a pigment, and an outer skin layer surface having a color;

providing a substrate layer;

providing a polyurethane foam layer bonded directly to said substrate layer and to said colored skin;

providing one or more switches embedded in said foam layer and underlying a substantially flat or arcuate surface region of said colored skin layer, said one or more switches including a switch arm capable of engaging electrical connectors;

activating a laser, said laser emitting a laser beam;

projecting said laser beam on to said outer skin surface in an area that overlies said one or more switches such that a portion of the outer skin surface contacted by said laser beam causes said skin layer color to bleach or whiten relative to a portion of said outer skin surface not contacted by said laser to create a marking to indicate where a force may be applied to deform said skin and actuate said one or more switches; and

placing said vehicle interior trim panel into a vehicle, wherein upon application of a force the skin layer deforms to enable said switch arm to contact said electrical connectors.